

# How to Get the Shot

Revealing the secrets behind  
unforgettable photography

## Blog #122: View from the Heavens Auditorium Theatre, Chicago

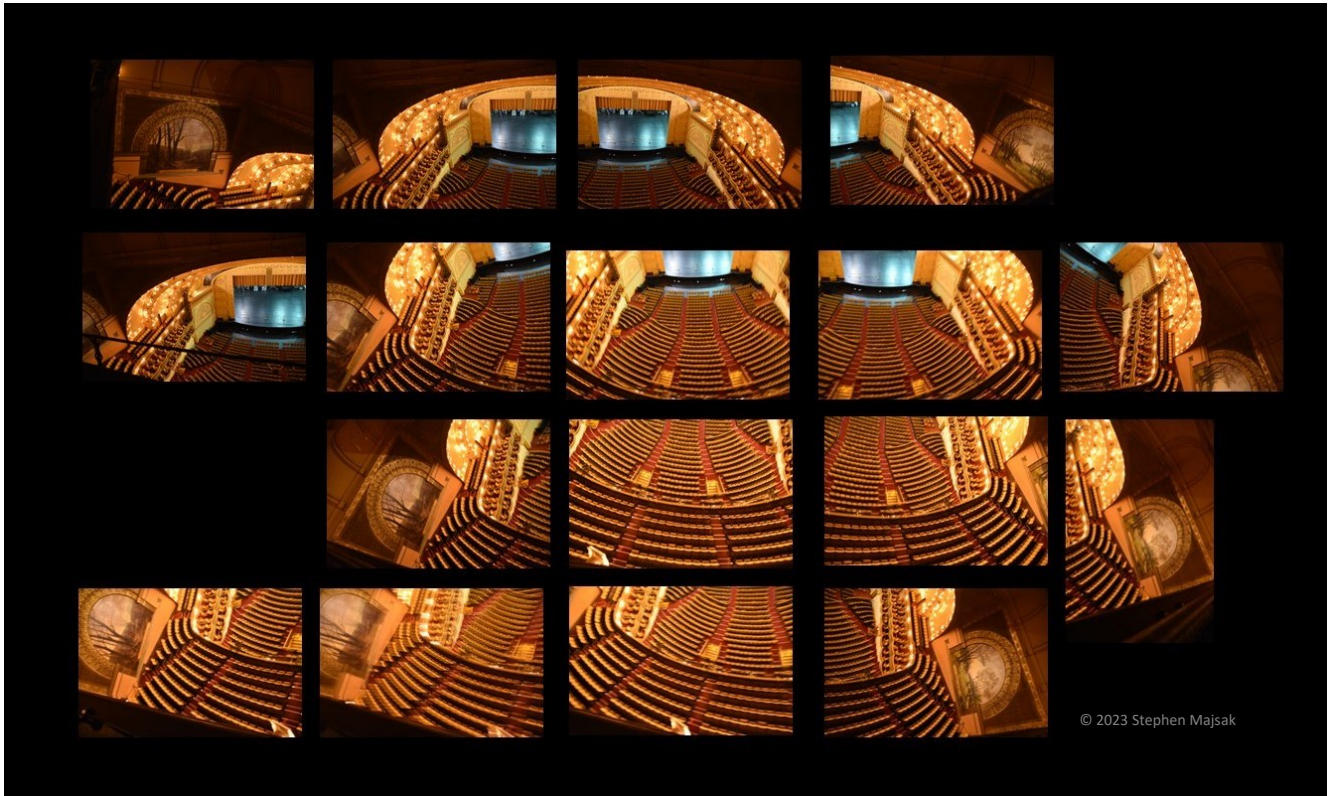


Great architecture can take your breath away. Especially when you can get a bird's eye view of the whole building.

Chicago's Auditorium Theatre is a architectural treasure. A National Historic Landmark known internationally for its perfect acoustics, it was designed as a theatre, office block and hotel. Designed by Adler and Sullivan, it opened in 1889, using the most modern technology at the time, including electric lighting and air conditioning.

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I was fortunate to take one of the building tours offered by the Auditorium Theatre, when took us all the way into the upper balcony. That's where I captured the photo, using a technique of photo stitching where I take a series of individual photographs and then merge them into the final image:



Series of individual photographs merged to create the final photograph.

I then then used the distinctive lights above the theatre to create a border around the image.



## TAKEAWAYS

1. Check out city tours and tours offered by landmark buildings for a great way to see and photograph great architecture.
2. Keep an eye out for unusual angles not regularly seen (e.g., rooftops, looking down from taller buildings, and staircases).
3. Experiment with photo stitching for wide images not easily captured with a standard photo exposure. My free "Photo stitching 101" guide is available on the Studio Steve Photography website.
4. Look for distinctive features (e.g., light panels) to customize photos.